

# Senate File 331 - Introduced

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(COMPANION TO HF 312 BY  
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## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to the registration requirements for certain  
2 vessels, requiring water use permits, making appropriations,  
3 and including effective date provisions.  
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 462A.2, Code 2023, is amended by adding  
2 the following new subsections:

3 NEW SUBSECTION. 26A. "*Paddleboard*" means any long,  
4 narrow, somewhat rounded, and inherently buoyant recreational  
5 vessel that is constructed from a flat, or nearly flat, rigid  
6 material, is propelled by human muscular effort using a pole or  
7 single-bladed or double-bladed paddle, and is operated by an  
8 individual who is kneeling, standing, or lying on the vessel.  
9 NEW SUBSECTION. 26B. "*Paddlecraft*" means any nonmotorized  
10 vessel powered primarily by paddle but does not include  
11 paddleboards.

12 Sec. 2. Section 462A.5, subsection 3, paragraph a,  
13 subparagraph (1), Code 2023, is amended to read as follows:

14 (1) For vessels of any length without motor or sail, ~~twelve~~  
15 twenty dollars.

16 Sec. 3. Section 462A.6, subsection 7, paragraph b, Code  
17 2023, is amended to read as follows:

18 b. Conventional design canoes and kayak type vessels,  
19 ~~thirteen feet or less in~~ of any length.

20 Sec. 4. NEW SECTION. **462A.6B Water use permit decal —**  
21 **water trail development and maintenance fund.**

22 The owner of a paddlecraft using the paddlecraft on waters of  
23 this state that are under the jurisdiction of the commission  
24 shall purchase and display on the front external half of the  
25 paddlecraft a water use permit decal. The department shall  
26 make the water use permit decal available to purchase at  
27 water recreation facilities operated by the department and at  
28 retail locations for seven dollars plus any administrative and  
29 authorized writing fees. The water use permit decal shall be  
30 valid from January 1 to December 31 of the same calendar year.  
31 Moneys from the purchase of water use permit decals shall be  
32 deposited in the state fish and game protection fund created in  
33 section 456A.17 and may be used for water trail development,  
34 enforcing navigation laws, and promoting water safety. The  
35 department may adopt rules as necessary to implement this

1 section.

2     Sec. 5. EFFECTIVE DATE. The following take effect January  
3 1, 2024:

4     The sections of this Act amending section 462A.6 and  
5 enacting section 462A.6B.

6                                   EXPLANATION

7             The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
8             the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9     This bill relates to registration requirements for certain  
10 vessels. Under current law, vessels of any length without a  
11 motor shall pay to a county recorder a registration fee of \$12  
12 in order for the vessel to be issued an identification number.  
13 A vessel may not be used on the waters of this state that are  
14 under the jurisdiction of the natural resource commission  
15 (NRC) without an identification number. Current law exempts  
16 conventional design canoes and kayak type vessels that are 13  
17 feet or less in length from the numbering and registration  
18 requirements.

19     The bill increases the registration fee for vessels of any  
20 length without a motor to \$20. However, the bill exempts a  
21 canoe or kayak type vessel of any length from registration  
22 requirements.

23     The bill requires an owner of a paddlecraft using the  
24 paddlecraft on waters of this state under NRC jurisdiction to  
25 purchase and display on the paddlecraft a water use permit  
26 decal. The department of natural resources (DNR) shall make  
27 the water use permit decal available to purchase at water  
28 recreation facilities operated by DNR and at retail locations  
29 for \$7 plus any administrative and authorized writing fees.  
30 The water use permit decal shall be valid from January 1  
31 to December 31 of the same calendar year. Moneys from the  
32 purchase of water use permit decals shall be deposited in the  
33 state fish and game protection fund for purposes of water trail  
34 development, administering and enforcing navigation laws, and  
35 promoting water safety.

1     The provisions of the bill relating to vessels exempt from  
2 registration and relating to water use permit decals take  
3 effect July 1, 2024.